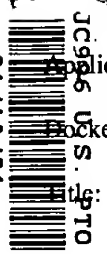


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MULTI-COMPONENT UNIDIRECTIONAL GRAPHIC ARTICLE

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- ☒ Utility Patent Application: Specification (19 pgs); Claims (35 claims on 7 pgs); 1 pg Abstract, filed in the prior application.
- ☐ Design Patent Application: __ pgs.
- ☒ 4 Sheets of formal drawings.
- ☒ A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in the prior application (3 pgs).
- ☒ A return postcard.
- ☐ Assignment of the invention to _____ and Recordation Form Cover Sheet.
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- ☐ A certified copy of a __ application, Serial No. __, filed _____, the right of priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- ☐ Computer readable form of "Sequence Listing." Applicants state that the paper copy form of the "Sequence Listing" section of the present application, and the computer readable form submitted herewith, are the same.
- ☒ Other: Request for Filing a Continuation Application Under Rule 1.53(b) (3 pgs).

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REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION APPLICATION
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) of Serial No.09/094,896, filed on 15 June 1998, entitled MULTI-COMPONENT UNIDIRECTIONAL GRAPHIC ARTICLE by the following inventor(s) (name, address, and citizenship):

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1. X Enclosed is a copy of the specification (including claims and abstract) as filed in the prior application.
2. Enclosed is a new specification (including claims and abstract). The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference.
3. X Enclosed is a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in the prior application.
4. Enclosed is a newly executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

5. X Enclosed are formal drawings (4 sheets).
6. X Cancel in this application original claims 25-30 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
7. A preliminary amendment is enclosed (the filing fee calculation includes any new claims). (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
8. The filing fee is calculated below:

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MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENTED		\$270	\$
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9. X The filing fee has been deferred.
10. This application is being filed by less than all of the inventors named in the prior application. Please delete the names of the following inventor(s) who are not inventors of the invention claimed in the present application:
11. X Amend the specification by inserting as the first sentence on page 1, the following: - This is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/094,896, filed 15 June 1998, titled MULTI-COMPONENT UNIDIRECTIONAL GRAPHIC ARTICLE (pending), which is incorporated herein by reference.
12. Priority of foreign application Serial No. , filed on in (country) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
13. The prior application is assigned of record to Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing.

14. X The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:

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